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SUBJECT: U.S./GOV LEGAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ON BOEING

REFS: (A) CARACAS 2030, (B) STATE 37815

1.

WE THINK IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF PEREZ REACHED A FIRM
DECISION TO ACCEPT HIS VICE MINISTER'S RECOMMENDATION
THAT CONDITIONS WE REQUIRE FOR EXCHANGE OF BOEING DOCU-
MENTS NOT BE ACCEPTED. ONCE REACHING THAT DECISION, IT
MIGHT BE HARD TO BACK AWAY FROM IT. AN INABILITY TO
EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS ON BOEING COULD PROVE SORE POINT ACTING
ADVERSELY IN OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST TO US. (ACCEPTANCE
OF SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT IS SINE QUA NON FOR
JUSTICE TO BE ABLE TO AGREE TO HAND OVER DOCUMENTS.)

2. WE ARE EXAMINING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO
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MEET JUSTICE'S REQUIREMENTS AND AT SAME TIME BE RESPONSIVE
TO VENEZUELAN CONCERNS RELAYED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR
(AND SET OUT AT LENGTH BY THE VENEZUELAN IN OUR DISCUS-
SIONS HERE). WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU WITH OUR THINKING AS
SOON AS WE CAN, BUT IN THE MEANTIME SUGGEST POLITICAL
COUNSELOR TOUCH BASE WITH VICE MINISTER OR OTHER APPRO-
PRIATE PERSON AND INDICATE WE ARE CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES

AND THEREFORE GOV SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, HOLD OFF A FINAL

DECISION UNTIL WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET BACK TO THEM
WITH ANY ADDITIONAL IDEAS WE MAY FORMULATE.
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